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<u>REMARKS</u>

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With the foregoing amendment claims 17 and 21-23 are pending in the application. Claim 17 is the sole independent claim. No new matter has been added by the amendments. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 17 and 21-23 are allowable. In order to expedite the issuance of the present application, Applicant has cancelled all of the rejected claims, without prejudice. Accordingly, the Application is now in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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